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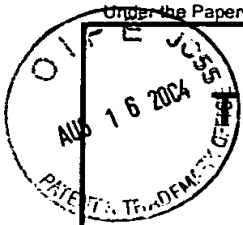


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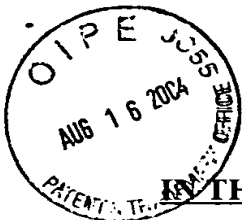
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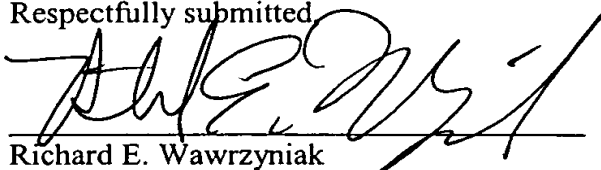
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In addition, items AA includes an English-language Abstract.

It is requested that the information provided herein be made of record in this application.

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